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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT PROFESSION.

1 WHEREAS, H.B. No. (2015) proposes to regulate the law  
2 enforcement officer occupation, which is presently unregulated;  
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5 WHEREAS, it is the role of the State to oversee and  
6 regulate those professions and occupations that have a  
7 significant impact on society; and  
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9 WHEREAS, law enforcement is an area where more should be  
10 done by the State to provide standards and uniformity statewide;  
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13 WHEREAS, given the immense authority, such as the power to  
14 search, arrest, and use deadly force, that the State and  
15 counties grant to police, sheriffs, and other law enforcement  
16 officers, the State must enact a law that certifies law  
17 enforcement officers to ensure the highest standards of  
18 professionalism and bring uniformity of standards throughout our  
19 islands; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the only state in the country without  
22 any state-level regulation of law enforcement officers; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Hawaii is only one of six states that does not  
25 establish minimum standards required to be a law enforcement  
26 officer and does not have any procedure for revoking a law  
27 enforcement officer's certification for serious misconduct; and  
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29 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
30 the Auditor to review proposals to regulate heretofore  
31 unregulated professions, vocations, or occupations; and



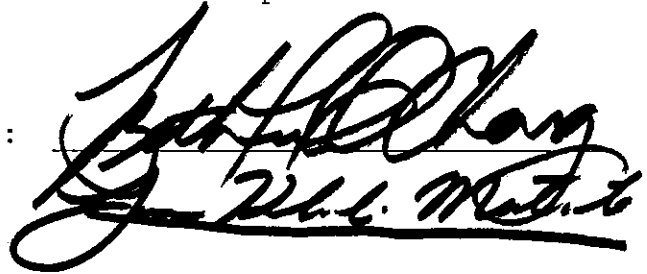
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2 WHEREAS, it is imperative that individuals purporting to be  
3 law enforcement officers meet minimum certification standards  
4 prior to holding themselves out as law enforcement officers;  
5 now, therefore,  
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
8 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
9 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is  
10 respectfully requested to conduct a sunrise review of the law  
11 enforcement officer occupation, pursuant to section 26H-6,  
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, as proposed to be regulated under H.B.  
13 No. (2015); and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
16 submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later  
17 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
18 of 2016; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the  
22 Attorney General; the Director of Public Safety; the Director of  
23 Transportation; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
24 Resources; and the Chiefs of Police of the respective counties.  
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OFFERED BY:

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